

SENATE No. 1495

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding mutual assistance agreements. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS. .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1H the following new section:-

3 Section 1I. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the mutual assistance agreements of
4 each distribution, transmission and gas distribution company conducting business in the
5 commonwealth; provided further, that in each agreement the company shall first offer mutual
6 assistance to other companies in the commonwealth prior to offering such mutual assistance to
7 another state.